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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a one count information¹ charging that on April 28, 2008, Ronald McBeth made false statements to a federal firearms licensee ("FFL"). The rules and regulations governing FFL holders require that a person seeking to purchase a handgun fill out a Firearms Transaction Record, ATF Form 4473. Part of the Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify that all his or her answers on Form 4473 are true and correct. The Form 4473 requires the purchaser to answer questions about the purchase, including a question, "Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person." The Form 4473 also contains a warning that falsely answering yes to that question and falsely claiming to be the actual buyer of the firearm(s) is a crime punishable as a felony.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH
Ronald McBeth	Philadelphia, PA	41 years old

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marianne Cox.

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¹An information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.